

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on March 17, 2003 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 325, 3/7/2003; SB 326, 3/7/2003;
SB 406, 3/11/2003

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00 SEN. MCGEE, SD 11, Short Title: Allow corner record to
be filed in lieu of certificate of survey.

EXHIBIT (nah56a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

11:00 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Land Surveyors
11:00 Tammy McGill, Stillwater County Planner
12:00 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners
13:00 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner
13:00 Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry Association
13:00 Jennifer Madgic, Gallatin County

Opponents' Testimony:

13:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:00

Closing by Sponsor:

33:00

HEARING ON SB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

37:00 SEN. MCGEE, SD 11, Short Title: Revise restrictions on
subdivision activities.

Proponents' Testimony:

38:00 Tammy McGill, Stillwater County Planner
41:00 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners
51:00 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Land Surveyors

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

42:00

Closing by Sponsor:

49:00

HEARING ON SB 326

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

51:00 **SEN. MCGEE, SD 11, Short Title:** Generally revise growth
 policy laws.

EXHIBIT (nah56a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

1:01:00 Tammy McGill, Stillwater County Planner
1:04:00 Jeff Larsen, Flathead County Planning Board
1:07:00 Forrest Anderson, Flathead County Planning Board
1:10:00 Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry Association
1:11:00 Don Heinz, Flathead County Planning Board
1:13:00 Corey Swanson, Plum Creek Timber Company
1:15:00 Brad Griffin, Flathead Business Industry Association
1:15:00 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors
1:17:00 Howard Geit, Flathead County Commissioner
1:17:00 Jim Kimble, Montana Association of Land Surveyors
1:18:00 Mike Barrett

Opponents' Testimony:

1:23:00 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners
1:28:00 Paul Whiting, Billings
1:29:00 Mona Jamison, Gallatin County
1:34:00 Jennifer Madgic, Gallatin County
1:36:00 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

EXHIBIT (nah56a03)

1:41:00 Bill Kerry, Missoula County Commissioner
1:41:00 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City/County Planning Board
1:46:00 Kris Caster, Citizens for a Better Flathead
1:49:00 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
1:51:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society
1:51:00 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
1:52:00 Michelle Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Center

Informational Testimony:

1:55:00 Michael Kakuk, Montana Association of Realtors (called
 upon by sponsor after questions began)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

1:52:00

Closing by Sponsor:

2:33:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:49 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah56aad)